

## Light a candle

### Sign of the cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Sing

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” – <https://youtu.be/9EikGeNuoBA>

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” – Westminster Abbey

<https://youtu.be/CgTvSAMp4Ec>

“Follow Me” – Casting Crowns <https://youtu.be/LraPDltKlvI>

“I Will Follow” – Chris Tomlin <https://youtu.be/1ohvhmGSfxI>

“You Never Let Go” – Matt Redman

<https://youtu.be/NM14VZVu0og>

### God’s Word

Read: Luke 5:1-11 “Four Fishermen called as Disciples”

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



### Reflection

On the first reading of this story, a literal reading, we see that God calls people from their usual work to serve him. We see that the disciples received a lot more than they expected, and a lot more than they needed for themselves. We learn that God provides in great abundance for the earthly lives of his faithful people. We see that Peter was in awe of the power of the Lord and aware of his unworthiness. We learn that Jesus does not depart from Peter but stays with him.

Let’s think beyond this like Luther does. Did there just so happen to be two boats or is there something deeper to this? Remember Simeon said of the child Jesus that he is “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel” (Luke 2:32). So one boat can represent Israel - the boat Jesus entered first. The second boat can represent the Gentiles - the boat that was required to help the first boat, so that the nets of both boats were filled with fish. What does it mean that the fishermen worked all night in the dark and caught nothing, yet during the light of day they caught many fish? Jesus, the Word of God, is the light (2 Cor. 4:5-7). Without the light of God the fishermen laboured in vain and caught nothing - they did not find spiritual healing or peace or salvation through the law or their own efforts. But in the light of Christ – or as Peter says, “at Your Word” (NKJV) – the work of the fishermen was greatly rewarded. And in response to the gracious love of God their faith was strengthened. (Sermons of Martin Luther, Vol. 4)

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<https://www.freechristianillustrations.com/New%20Clip%20Art/Jesus%20Christ%20Fishing%20BW.pdf>

What did Jesus do when Peter was fearful and in awe? He comforted Peter. He told Peter not to be afraid. He restored Peter's joy. He upheld Peter, strengthened his faith and called him to be a disciple. When we are fearful let us remember to trust our Lord Jesus who is our comforter and joy.

### Activity (optional)

Do you like to fish? You can meditate on this story while fishing. What about fishing for people? How might you go about this?



### Music

Sing/Listen to music. Ideas:

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” – Choir of Kings College, Cambridge

<https://youtu.be/mDkuxElcpdI>

“God So Loved” – We the Kingdom <https://youtu.be/y4iOOHTbAPw>

“Only Jesus” – Casting Crowns <https://youtu.be/VXIBP2BdYR8>

“My Lighthouse” – Rend Collective <https://youtu.be/reAlJKv7ptU>

### Bible verses

Philippians 3:7-16

### Catechism

Baptism – Second part – What does baptism give us?

In baptism God gives us forgiveness of sins, freedom from death and the devil, and life with God forever. God gives these things to everyone who believes what he has promised. Our Lord Jesus Christ says: Whoever believes and is baptised will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned (Mark 16:16 NIV).



### Prayer

Our Father, you have given your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Saviour of the whole world. We thank you for your great love for us. We thank you for your grace and mercy towards us. Help us to follow your Son. Grant us faith in Jesus Christ so that we may hear his voice and follow him always. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### Blessing

May the Lord our Maker, our great King, bless us and keep us in the palm of his hand. Amen. (Ps. 95)